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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

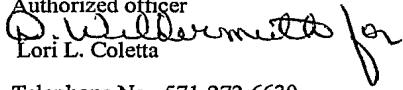
2. This REPORT consists of a total of 3 sheets, including this cover sheet.

This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

These annexes consist of a total of sheets.

3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I Basis of the report
- II Priority
- III Non-establishment of report with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV Lack of unity of invention
- V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI Certain documents cited
- VII Certain defects in the international application
- VIII Certain observations on the international application

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I. Basis of the report1. With regard to the **elements** of the international application:*

the international application as originally filed.



the description:

pages 1-9 as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

the claims:

pages 10-13, as originally filed

pages NONE, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19pages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

the drawings:

pages 1-3, as originally filed

pages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____

the sequence listing part of the description:

pages NONE, as originally filedpages NONE, filed with the demandpages NONE, filed with the letter of _____2. With regard to the **language**, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

These elements were available or furnished to this Authority in the following language _____ which is:



the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).



the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).



the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in printed form.



filed together with the international application in computer readable form.



furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.



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The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.



The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of: the description, pages NONE the claims, Nos. NONE the drawings, sheets/fig NONE5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rules 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

V. Reasoned statement under Rule 66.2(a)(ii) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. STATEMENT**

Novelty (N)	Claims <u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Inventive Step (IS)	Claims <u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO
Industrial Applicability (IA)	Claims <u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims <u>NONE</u>	NO

2. CITATIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

The recitations of the specific features of the latching system for a convertible top of a motor vehicle in claims 1, 12 and 18 including especially the construction of the receiver disposed proximate a windshield header, the receiver having a keeper, a body molding attached to the convertible top and disposed proximate the windshield header when the convertible top is in an extended position, the body molding including a handle cavity; a latch pin guide portion disposed proximate the body molding, the latch pin having a first end adapted to engage the keeper and a second end disposed opposite the first end; a connecting rod pivotally coupled to the second end of the latch pin at an outboard end and pivotally coupled to a crack at an inboard end; a rotatable pin attached to the crank; and a handle pivotally connected to the rotatably pin is not taught nor is fairly suggested by the prior art of record.

Claims 1-20 meet the criteria set out in PCT Article 33(4), and thus are industrial applicability because the subject matter can be made or used in industry.

----- NEW CITATIONS -----